

OFFICE OF  
THE CHURCH ON THE SQUARE

(South Congregational)

WILL ARTHUR DIETRICK, Minister,  
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PEABODY, MASS., 4-22-08

P A S T O R ' S   R E P O R T

covering the period from March 6th to April 22nd, 1908, inclusive.

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To the Members of the Cabinet,  
South Congregational Church,  
Peabody Mass.

Dear Friends:- The interval since our last meeting on March 5th has been one of intense activity in the church. We have planned and conducted a series of lenten services covering seventeen evenings, addressed by nine different speakers. We have prepared and presented our Easter services, conducted two training classes, and carried on the usual routine work of the church.

The pastor has attended in his official capacity fifty-two meetings of various sorts directly connected with the work of the church. He has prepared and delivered ten sermons, conducted one funeral, and made twenty-six pastoral calls and is still alive to tell the tale.

The anniversary communion service on Thursday night of Passion Week was, I am informed, the first service of the kind ever held in this church. The pastor believes it to be worthy of repetition annually. On account of the close proximity of this service to the regular May communion (within ten days), and because of the fact that the demands of the special meetings and training classes on the pastor's time have been so great as to prevent him from



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ned and carried out a series of joint services covering several

evenings, addressed by nine different speakers. We have prepared

and presented our Easter services, conducted two training classes,

and carried on the usual routine work of the Church.

The pastor has attended in his official capacity fifty-two

meetings of various sister churches connected with the work of the

Church. He has preached and ministered ten sermons, conducted one

funeral, and made twenty-six pastoral visits. It is still early to

tell the story.

The anniversary service on Thursday night, April 2nd

attracted the largest attendance of the year ever held in

this Church. The pastor's address was of a happy and inspiring

character. On account of the illness of the pastor, the

regular services on April 10th and 17th, and because of the

fact that the members of the Church were unable to attend

on the pastor's visit to the home of the late Mrs. J. W. Taylor.



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Respectfully submitted

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